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SUBJ: ZAIRIAN COPPER EXPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

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1) RAILROAD OFFICIALS HAVE PROVIDED FIGURES SHOWING THAT GECAMINES SENT FROM SHABA 36,500 MT OF COPPER IN JULY AND 34,747 MT IN AUGUST. THIS BRINGS TOTAL COPPER EXPORTS FROM SHABA FOR THE FIRSTIIGHT MONTHS TO 291,683 MT. GIVEN GECAMINES PROJECTED 1977 TOTAL FIGURE OF 460,000, THE COMPANY SHOULD HAVE EXPORTED 306,820 MT DURING THIS PERIOD. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROJECTED AND ACTUAL EXPORTS IS 15,137 MT OR ABOUT 4.9 PERCENT BEHIND THE PROJECTED AMOUNT.

2) GECAMINES COPPER FOR THE TWO MONTHS WAS EXPORTED TO THE FOLLOWING PORTS:

JULY AUGUST

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MATADI	18,000	15,652
DAR-ES-SALAAM VIA		
KALEMIE	6,700	6,324
EAST LONDON	1,800	11,208

DAR-ES-SALAAM VIA

TAZARA -- 1,565

36,500 34,747

3) ADDING JULY AND AUGUST FIGURES TO THOSE FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS PER REFTEL SHOWS COPPER SHIPMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

MATADI - 149,477 MT (51 PERCENT); EAST LONDON - 101,006 (35 PERCENT); DAR-ES-SALAAM VIA KALEMI - 36,024 (12 PERCENT); AND DAR-ES-SALAAM VIA THE TAZARA - 5,176 (2 PERCENT).

4) RAILROAD FIGURES SHOW THAT THE JAPANESE COPPER COMPANY , SODIMIZA, EXPORTED FROM SHABA 6,100 MT OF COPPER CONCENTRATES IN JULY AND 7,843 MT IN AUGUST. ALL SODIMIZA COPPER IS EXPORTED VIA EAST LONDON.

5) ADDING GECAMINES AND SODIMIZA FIGURES TOGETHER FOR JULY AND AUGUST SHOWS THAT SHABA'S COPPER IS BEING EXPORTED IN THE FOLLOWING PROPORTIONS BY TONNAGE: MATADI, 40 PERCENT; LONDON 43 PERCENT; DAR-ES-SALAAM VIA KALEMIE 15 PERCENT; AND DAR-ES-SALAAM VIA TAZARA 2 PERCENT.

6) CONSULATE COOMENT: DESPITE THE SHABAN WAR AND THE CONTINUOUS SHORTAGES OF IMPORT ITEMS, SHABA'S COPPER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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C VPANIES DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE FALLEN FAR BEHIND THEIR DESIRED PRODUCTION LEVELS. A SECOND POINT OF INTEREST IS THAT DURING THIS PERIOD THE ZAIRIAN PORT OF MATADI ACCOUNTS FOR OVER 50 PERCENT OF COPPER EXPORTS ONLY IF THE SODIMIZA FIGURES ARE OMITTED FROM THE TOTAL. ADDING THE SODIMIZA COPPER, MORE TONNAGE IS SHIPPED THROUGH EAST LONDON THAN MATADI.
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